(d) and (e) Nandala-Jhalwari road and Kulgaon-Shirali link road have been approved under PMGSY Phase-VI. The work is under execution in a difficult terrain and the State Government has informed that no action is required to be initiated against the contractor.

Increasing days under NREG Scheme

†385. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the number of days fixed for giving work in a year under National rural Employment Guarantee Scheme introduced by Government is not sufficient for subsistence of a family;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment in rural areas in the country could not be controlled with it; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider for increasing the number of days for work under the above mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The objective of NREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households in the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to adult members of every rural household for doing unskilled manual work on demand. Thus, NREGA provides a supplementary means of livelihood for the rural people. Members of the household are free to avail other available employment opportunities in addition to the 100 days of guaranteed employment per household provided under the Act on demand.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the number of days of work under NREGA.

Missing files from CAPART

386. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 4000 files related to unaccounted funds disbursed to voluntary organizations are feared missing from the office of the Council of Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART);

(b) whether CAPART functions under the Ministry of Rural Development and is the only Government organization in the world that directly funds non-Government organizations;

(c) whether in March, 2007 under first round of inquiry CAPART listed details of 81 missing files and in a second list of 200 files were sent to the CBI;

(d) if so, whether CBI has submitted its report about CAPART to Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) After physical verification of files at Headquarters/ Regional Centres of CAPART, several project files shown as ongoing in the electronic data base were not physically present in the various divisions of Headquarters and in the Regional Centres of CAPART. The figure of files reproted as missing was 4719.

(b) Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Rural Development. Besides CAPART, there are also other Central Government Departments in India that release funds to NGOs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) The complaint regarding missing of 81 files was lodged with CBI in February, 2007 and an another complaint regarding missing of 220 files was lodged in May, 2007.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In response to these complaints, the CBI has stated that the matter has not been found worth probe as allegations were nto specific and raised mere suspicion against unknown persons over a period of 20 years.

Persons registered for employment in Punjab under NREG Scheme

387. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the State of Punjab registered for employment under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme till 31.10.2007;

(b) the number of persons given employment under the Scheme (i) during 2006-07 (ii) during 2007-08 for and the number of days for which the employment was given during 2006-07 and 2007-08 and expenditure incurred for the above periods;

(c) the total budgetary provision made for the State under the Scheme for 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) NREGS is demand driven and not an allocation based programme. State wise budgetary provisions are not made for implementation of the Act. The requisite information pertaining to Punjab State for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (up to September) is as given below:

Year	Name of the State	No. of house-holds registered	No. of house-holds given employment	No. of person days of work generated (in lakhs)	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)	Funds released during 2006-07 by Centre (Rs. in lakhs)
06-07	Punjab	37326	31648	15.57	2500.21	2755.75
07-08	Punjab	80491	2973	1.36	210.32	1650.17

Mechanism to present siphoning off money from NREGA funds

388. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government to ensure that the muster rolls are not manufactured solely to siphon off money from the NREGA funds lying with the Gram Panchayat has put in place any mechanism that oversee the implementation of NREGA;

(b) if so, whether the mechanism has discovered any case of corruption in the districts of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh on the implementation of the Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. With a view to ensure that the muster rolls are not manufactured to siphon off money, the NREGA Guidelines provide that the muster rolls